Nehru Port Trust for the year 1998-99. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1494/00]

(ii) (a) Annual Accounts of the Mumbai Port Trust, for the year 1998-99, and the Audit Report thereon.

(b) Review by Government of Annual Accounts and Audit Report on Mumbai Port Trust for the year 1998-99. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1495/00]

(2) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance and Report and Accounts (1998-99) of various Research Institute and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE-PATIL): Sir, I lay on the Table

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs (Capital Market Division), under Section 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act. 1.992 :

1. S.O. 547 (E) dated 7.7.1999 publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 1999.

2. S.O. 1118 (E) dated 17.11.1999 publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Venture Capital Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999.

3. S.O. 1119 (E) dated 17.11.1999 publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Merchant Bankers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 1999.

4. S.O. 1120 (E) dated 17.11.1999 publishing the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrar to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 1999.

5. S.O. 1223 (E) dated 8.12.1999 publishing the Securities

and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1451/00]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 alongwith Explanatory Memoranda thereon:

1. G.S.R. 168 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 16/2000-Customs prescribing fresh and consolidating certain existing effective rates of basic and additional customs duty on various goods falling under the 1st Schedule of the customs Tariff Act.

2. G.S.R. 169 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 17/2000-Customs prescribing effective rates of customs duty on various goods falling under the 1st schedule to C.T. Act, to give immediate effect to the proposals of Finance Bill, 2000 reducing tariff fates of customs duty.

3. G.S.R. 170 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 18/2000-Customs prescribing effective rates of special additional duty of customs leviable under Section 3 A of the Customs Tariff Act, on specialized goods falling under the 1st Schedule to C.T. Act.

4. G.S.R. 171 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 19/2000-Customs exempting specified goods falling under the 1st Schedule to the C.T. Act, from the whole of the surcharge leviable thereon under clause 86 of the Finance Bill, 2000.

5. G.S.R. 172 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 20/2000-Customs seeking to amend certain notifications.

6. G.S.R. 173(E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No.21/2000-Customs notifying Vishakh-Vijayawada-Secunderabad Pipeline Project, under Notification No. 42/96-Customs dated 23.7.1996 for assessment under Heading No. 98.01 of 'Project Import'.

7. G.S.R. 174 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 22/2000-Customs rescinding Notification Nos. 53/96-Customs and 20/99-customs

8. G.S.R. 175 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 23/2000-Customs rescinding Notification No. 22/99-Customs.

9. G.S.R. 176 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 24/2000-Customs rescinding Notification No. 58/99-Customs.

10. G.S.R. 177 (E) dated 1.3.2000 pubilishing publishing the Notification No. 25/2000-Customs exempting all goods from surcharge of Customs duty leviable under Section 118 (i) of the finance Act, 1999.

! I. G.S.R. 178 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 26/2000-Customs notifying the preferential rates for goods covered by the India Sri Lanka free Trade Agreement.

12. G.S.R. 179 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 15/2000-Customs (NT) prescribing the rale of interest under section 28AA of the Customs Act, 1962.

13. G.S.R. 180 (E) dated 1.3 2000 publishing the Notification No. 16/2000-Customs (NT) prescribing the rate of interest under section 28 AB of the Customs Act, 1962.

14. G.S.R. 181 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 17/2000-Customs (NT) prescribing the rate of interest under section 47 of the Customs Act, 1962.

15. G.S.R. 182 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 18/2000-Custorns (NT) prescribing the rate of interest under Section 59 of the customs Act. 1962.

16. G.S.R. 183 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 19/2000-Ciistoms (NT) notifying the Rules of Origin for goods covered by the India Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement. [Placed in Library See No. LT-1457/001

iii. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944:

1. G.S.R. 156 (E) dated 24.2.2000 publishing the amendment to the Central Excise Rules to change the time of presentation of Budget (2000-2001) from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM.

2. GSR. 184 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 6/2000-CE seeking to prescribe effective rates of basic excise duty on certain goods falling under the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act.

3. GSR. 185 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 7/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe effective rates of basic excise duty on certain goods falling under the First Schedule to the Central Excise Act to give effect to the proposals in the Finance Bill. 2000.

4. G.S.R. 186 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 8/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe a new scheme of concessional excise duty in respect of small scale unit not availing Modvat credit on inputs, with effeet from 1st April, 2000.

5. G.S.R. 187 (E) dated. 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 9/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe a new scheme of concessional excise duty in respect of small scale unit not availing Modvat credit on inputs with eftect from 1st April, 2000.

6. G.S.R. 188 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 10/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe effective rate of special excise duty on certain goods falling under the Second Schedule to the Central Excise Act to give effect to the proposals in the Finance Bill, 2000.

7. G.S.R. 189 (E) dated 1.3 2000 publishing the Notification No. 11/2000-CE dated 29.2 2000 seeking to amend certain notifications.

8. G.S.R. 190 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 12/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to rescind certain notifications.

9. G.S.R. 191 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 13/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe a concessional basic excise duty on goods of Chapters 72 and 73 manufactured by integrated Steel Plants under certain circumstances.

10. G.S.R. 192 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 14/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to amend Notification 32/99-CE dated 8.7.2000 relating to exemption for the North Eastern Region.

11. G.S.R. 193 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 15/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 to rescind Notification No. 50/97-CE dated 1.8.1997 on and from 1st April, 2000.

12. G.S.R. 194 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 16/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to rescind certain Notifications issued under section 3 A of the Central Excise Act, 1944.

13. G.S.R. 195 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 17/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe effective rates of basic excise duty and addition duty of excise on certain textile goods falling under Chapter 52 to 60 of the First Schedule to Central Excise Tariff Act.

14. G.S.R. 196 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 18/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to amend Notification No. 9/96-CE, dated 23.7.1996 so as to omit certain entries therein.

15. G.S.R. 197 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 19/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to prescribe rates of duty under section 3A in respect of independent processors.

16. G.S.R. 198 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 20/2000-CE dated 29.2.2000 seeking to rescind

Notification No. 58/97-CE (NT.), dated 30.8.1997 on and from 1st of April. 2000.

17. G.S.R. 199 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 7/2000-CE (NT) seeking to prescribe rate of interest under section 11A A of the Central Excise Act.

18. G.S.R. 200 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 8/2000-CE (NT) seeking to prescribe rate of interest under section 11AB of the Central Excise Act.

19. G.S.R. 201 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 9/2000-CE (NT) seeking to prescribe rates of abatement under section 4A on certain goods falling under the First Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act.

20. G.S.R. 202 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 10/2000-CE (NT) seeking to make certain amendments to Notification No. 21/990-CE (NT) dated the 28.2.1999.

21. G.S.R. 203 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 11/2000-CE (NT) seeking to make certain amendments to the Central Excise Rules, 1944.

22. G.S.R. 204 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 12/2000-CE (NT) seeking to rescind Notification No. 24/94-CE (NT) dated 21.10.1994.

23. G.S.R. 205 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 13/2000-CE (NT) seeking to make certain amendments to Notification No. 41/98-CE (NT), dated 10.12.1998 issued under section 3 A of the Central Excise Act.

24. G.S.R. 206 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 14/2000-CE (NT) seeking to make the Hot-air Stenter Independent Textile Processors Annual Capacity Determination Rules, 2000, superseding the Hot-air Stenter Independent Textile Processors Annual Capacity Determination Rules, 1998.

25. G.S.R. 207 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 15/2000-CE (NT) seeking to make certain amendments to Notification No. 29/96-CE (NT) dated 3.9.1996.

26. G.S.R 208 (E) dated. 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No 16/2000-CE I NT) seeking to allow a deemed credit of declared duty, under rule 57A of the Central Excise Rules, 1944 on certain inputs used by composite mills.

27. G.S.R. 209 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing the Notification No. 17/2000-CE (NT) seeking to allow a deemed credit of duty paid by independent processors under section 3 A of the Central Excise Act under certain conditions. [Placed in Library See No. LT-1459/00]

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs (Insurance Division), under sub-section (3) of Sections 48 and 49 of the 1.IC Act, 1956:

1. G.S.R. 804 (E) dated 8.12.1999 publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Employees) Pension (Amendment) Rules. 1999. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LP-1448'00]

2 'S.O. 129 (E) dated 16.2.2000 publishing the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Recruitment of Apprentice Development Officers) (Amendment) Regulations, 1999. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1450/00]

V. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) G.S.R. 210 (E) dated 1.3.2000 publishing Notification No. 2/2000-ST exempting mechanised slaughter houses from the levy of Service Tax, under sub-section (4) of Section 94 of Chapter IV of Finance Act, 1994. [Placed in Library. See No LT-1460/00]

VI. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Banking Division) S.O. 58 (E) dated 20.1.2000 publishing the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Scheme, 2000. under sub-section (6) of Section 9 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1452/00]

VlI. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Banking Division! S.O 59 (E) da 20.l.2000 publishing the Nationalised Banks (Management

Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Scheme. 2000 , under sub-section (6) of Section 9 of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1980.

VIII. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Budget Division) G.S.R. 165 (E) dated 28.2.2000 publishing the Post Office Savings Account (Amendment) Rules, 2000, under Section 15 of the Government Savings Banks Act. 1873. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1454/00J

IX. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) G.S.R. 453 (E) dated 23.6.1999 publishing the Commemorative Coin on Saint Dhyaneshwar Rules, 1999, under sub-section (3) of Section 21 of the Coinage Act. 1906. [Placed in Library. *See* No! LT- J 463/00]

X. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) G.S.R. 1221 (E) dated 8.12.1999 publishing the General Insurance (Employees) Pension (Amendment) Scheme, 1999, under sub-section (5) of Section 17A of the General Insurance
Business (Nationalisation) Act, 1972. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1449/00]

XI. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) (Budget Division) S.O. 48 (E) dated 15.1.2000 publishing the reduced rate of interest in respect of Public Provident Fund Scheme, under Section 12 of the Public Provident Fund Act, 1968.[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1453/00]

XII.A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, for the year 1998-99. together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Centre. [Placed in Library See No.. LT-1466/00]

(ii) (a) Twelfth Annual Report the Institute for Studies in Industrial Devlopment New Delhi, for the yesr 1998-9-/.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1464/00]

(iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Forum of Financial Writers and Institute of Economic Journalism, New Delhi, for the year 1998-99, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1465/00]

(iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, for the year 1998-99, togetherwith the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1467/00]

(v) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the Consolidated % Report on the working of Public Sector Banks for the year ended 31st March, 1999. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-1455/00]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Pranab Mukherjee has to say something.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention that at SI. No. 1, there are five notifications. Of these five notifications, one is dated 07.07.1999, and three notifications are dated 17.11.1999. The last one is of 8th December, 1999. The practice has been that the notifications issued after the previous Session are to be laid on the Table of the House at the next Session. Now, if you look at the date of these notifications, you find that we had Winter Session in between. That would have been the appropriate time when these notifications should have been placed on the Table of the House. But sometimes when this happens-when this is not done-there has to be a statement by the Minister, explaining the reasons for the delay. In this case, that statement, explaining the reasons for the delay, is also not available. I would like to request the hon. Minister, through you, to be a little careful in future.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Messages from the Lok Sabha. *(Interruptions)*

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MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2000.

(II) The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2000.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha -

(I)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Amendment) Bill, 2000, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 13th March, 2000."

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Recovery of debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2000, as passed by Lok Sabha at its sitting held on 13th March, 2000."

Sir, I lay a copy of each of the Bills on the Table.

PRESENTATION OF PETITION

SHRI CM. IBRAHIM (Karnataka) : Sir, I present a petition signed by Shri B.R. Krishnamurthy and three other retired officers of Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore regarding grant of enhanced gratuity